

*RESOLUTION NUMBER 169*

*FR. CHARLES E. BOUCHARD*

**WHEREAS, Fr. Charles E. Bouchard, O.P. is retiring as President of the Aquinas Institute of Theology after serving in that role for eighteen years; and**

**WHEREAS, during his tenure as President, he lead the growth of the school from 100 students to over 300 students; from an annual budget of \$400,000 to a budget of \$2 million; from offering three degree programs to eight degree and four certificate programs; and**

**WHEREAS, Fr. Bouchard is a sought after speaker locally and nationally, helping individuals of all faiths make sense of the complex moral issues facing us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and**

**WHEREAS, Fr. Bouchard's vision of a physical space conducive to a learning community and accessible to those who seek to better know and understand their faith was realized with the renovation of an obsolete manufacturing building at 23 S. Spring in the City of St. Louis; and**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis joins the family, friends, and colleagues of Fr. Charles Bouchard in thanking him for his many contributions and wishing him well in his new endeavors.**

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, meeting in regular session, that we recognize, congratulate and honor Fr. Charles E. Bouchard, for his accomplishments in education as President of the Aquinas Institute of Theology, and dedication to the kingdom of God and the City, and we further direct the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of this proceeding and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007 by:

Honorable Joseph Roddy, Alderman 17<sup>th</sup> Ward

Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007 as attested by:

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Denise Watson-Wesley Coleman  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen

